

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

The foregoing amendment places the instant Application in condition for allowance. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20, 32, and 35-40 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 11, and 32 being the independent claims. Claim 33 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Statutory Double Patenting

Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly claiming the same invention as that of claim 31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,653,966 to van der Goes et al. (herein "van der Goes"). Applicant has cancelled claim 33 rendering the objection to claim 33 moot.

Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1-20, 32, and 35-40 in the Office Action dated April 19, 2007 (herein "Office Action").

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented on page 3 of the Office Action. Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate claims 1-20, 32, and 35-40 are allowable over the art made of record for further reasons related to any

of their recited features. Applicants further contend that reservation of this right does not give rise to any implication regarding whether the Applicants agree with or acquiesce in the reasoning provided by the Examiner.

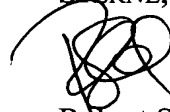
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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